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Claymont Nov. 13th 1859

My Dear Florida;

I was writing to
your Aunt and your father - and the
thought struck me - that perhaps
you would like to have a line
from me too - at any rate I
thought I might provoke an
answer from you - telling me
all about your health - and
the country - and the climate -
and Pendleton &c &c - and also
all about your journey on - what
you saw - and what you think
of the extensive Pine forests of
the Carolinas - which ~~or~~ part of
which I have no doubt you had
ample opportunity of seeing -
I was in town yesterday - and
saw your Aunt Elizabeth and

Katy. They were both well -
Your aunt's leg is much improved
and her tongue nearly well - I
have not seen her look so well
in two years - Katy went yesterday
up to see her friend Miss Richmond -
Your aunt Kate is pretty well -
and your Uncle North's foot
is so much better - that he can
dispense with his crutches - and
now gets along with two canes -
We are all as well here as usual -
Your cousins Anne and George
Washington are both here - and
will not go home until next
week -

I suppose you were both
surprised and shocked to hear
of the death of your old beau
Mr George Turner - in the insurrection
at Harper's Ferry - He shouldered
his gun - and went down to help -

He was killed while sitting on a porch with his gun lying across his lap - Dick Warrington killed the man who shot him - George does not seem to mind it much - Poor men! I pity them for their delusion - but they will meet their just reward in being hung - It only shows to what horrible results fanaticism will lead any one -

Your poor sick brother I understand is not to go to school this winter - but is to be allowed to hunt - ride and spend his time as he pleases - in order to restore his weak and shattered frame - and strengthen his delicate constitution - Poor boy! what will he turn out to be? I feel for your poor mother - cooped up this winter with those two - I am afraid it will be

more than she can bear —
 Trust God will protect her — as
 he tempers the winds to the shorn
 lamb —

Your aunt Sue was well
 when I last heard from her —
 I hope to see her at Christmas —
 I believe that I have told you
 all the news — and that's not
 much — but I hope the attempt
 will induce you to give me a
 good long letter —

I have not the pleasure of knowing
 your grandmother — but I hope
 you will give her my kind respects —
 That God may bless you and
 have you in his keeping — is the
 sincere prayer of

Your affectionate Uncle
 Wm. F. Clemens —

Miss Florida Clemens —